

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

May 4, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Steven Fobert (arrived at 5:30pm), Jamie Creacy (departed at 5:30pm), and Michael Lucas. Member Margaret Robinson was absent. There are currently two vacant board member positions. City staff and representatives present were Parks Superintendent Donald Smuck, Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland. Two members of the public were present including Gail Sheehan and Howard Nemerov.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:07 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Donald Smuck.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

Council Member John Kirkland was present with nothing to report this month.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. WORKSHOP

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the April 6, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Member Jamie Creacy and seconded by Member Mike Lucas. Vote was unanimous.

5B. Update and Discuss Progress on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Update was provided by Bastrop Recreation Terry Moore reported on status of master plan work including public rollout June 3rd.

5C. Discuss on Open Parks Board Members

There are still two openings on the board. We are accepting applications.

5D. Discussion on Bird Houses by Bastrop County Rotary Club

Bastrop County Rotary Club birdhouse installation at Fisherman's Park went well.

5E. Discussion on Special Olympics Texas

Update was provided by Park Superintendent Donald Smuck. City of Bastrop Public Works will partner with the Special Olympics of Texas to line the soccer fields on May 11th.

5F. Discussion on Ferry Park Volunteers

Update provided by Park Superintendent Donald Smuck. Ferry Park gazebo blue paint color has been selected and the Heart of Texas Chamber members will proceed with the project.

5G. Discussion on National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Update provide by Citizen Howard Nemerov. Benefits of participating in this program would help with the environment and would be beneficial for tourism. Bastrop is already meeting requirements for participation through work from the Bastrop County Master Gardener Association.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Steven Fobert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Member Mike Lucas seconded. The vote was unanimous.